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GSU ARCHIVES

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This Week at GSU

- 23 "The New PC DOS Class" workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and continuing on Thursday.
- 23 University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) meeting, noon, Rm. D-1702.
- 24 Planning Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Hall of Honors.
- 24 Elementary Education Honors Meeting, 5 p.m., Engbretson Hall.
- 24 "Gastrointestinal" Nurses Review Course, 6:30 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 25 Operations Committee Meeting, 10 a.m., Hall of Honors.
- 26 "WordStar Professional Release 5" workshop, 9 a.m. to noon Fridays through June 23.
- 26 Civil Service Softball, 5 p.m., Softball Field.
- 27 GSU Library closed through Monday for Memorial Day weekend.
- 29 GSU closed for Memorial Day.

All events held at University Park campus unless otherwise noted.

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Guest helps division prepare for nursing society

The Division of Nursing welcomed **Dr. Leah Ramer** as its special guest recently as the division works for recognition as a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Society.

Sigma Theta Tau is the second largest professional nursing organization in the U.S. with more than 120,000 members and 263 chapters at colleges and universities. Its mission is to promote scholarship, creativity, high nursing standards and a commitment to professional nursing.



Dr. Leah Ramer (left) works with Dr. Annie Lawrence (center) of the Division of Nursing, and Deborah Sitz (right), president of the Sigma Theta Tau chapter at GSU.

Dr. Ramer, a professor at Indiana University, represented the society in its review process to determine if GSU's chapter meets the national criteria. She assessed the GSU administrative support for the nursing program, the program and chapter's plans for scholarship, the chapter's budget and fiscal responsibility and its membership rolls.

GSU students and faculty first organized as the Professional Nursing Organization, but in 1982 the group decided to look for national affiliation and in 1987 the initiation process for Sigma Theta Tau started.

Before the GSU chapter can be officially recognized, it must have 100 members. Student membership requires a 3.0 grade point average for undergraduates and a 3.5 grade point average for graduate students, and the members must have completed at least half their degree requirements in the nursing program. Included in the GSU membership are alumni, faculty and community leaders.

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Two selected as student speakers for commencement exercises

Two Governors State University graduates will speak to their classmates at the 1989 commencement ceremonies on June 3 and 4.

Virginia Faber, who will receive a bachelor's degree in speech communications, will address graduates from the Board of Governors degree program, the College of Health Professions and the College of Arts and Sciences on June 3.

Mark Rosenstein, who will be awarded a bachelor's degree in business

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Students selected as grad speakers

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administration, will address graduates of the College of Education and the College of Business and Public Administration on June 4.

Nearly 1,000 students completed degree work during the 1988-89 academic year and will graduate.

It's taken Faber 10 years to complete her degree, but the Park Forest resident says she returned to school "because I knew there was more for me, and that I'd need a degree."

Rosenstein, of Country Club Hills, is one of the younger graduates at age 24. He says he'll emphasize that in his remarks.

Cafeteria Menu

(Week of May 22 to 26)

Monday - Creole soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: pot roast beef, mostaccioli w/ meat sauce and garlic toast, wax beans and pimento, whipped potatoes.

Tuesday - Lima bean soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: roast turkey breast w/dressing; B.B.Q. beef sandwich; seasoned peas, candied sweet potatoes.

Wednesday - Cream of celery soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: roast pork w/ dressing and apple sauce, Swedish meatballs over rice, mixed vegetables, oven browned potatoes.

Thursday - Garden vegetable soup w/1 pkg crackers; chili con carne w/1 pkg crackers; Entree: Salisbury steak, fillet of chicken sandwich w/lettuce and tomato, green beans, whipped potatoes.

Friday - Specials will be posted in the cafeteria. Entrees include vegetable, potato, roll and butter.

(Menu subject to change)

Employee of the Month

Complaints don't keep secretary from smiling

By Marilyn Thomas

We all have our bad days when nothing seems to go right, and we're upset and we give an earful to the person on the other end.

Nasim Ali, the May "Employee of the Month," knows about those days. She's usually on the receiving end, but



Nasim Ali

Lindsay said in her nomination.

"I've learned that the more upset the student, that's when you get more pleasant," Nasim said. "If you get upset and they're upset it's a real mess."

As secretary to Dr. Sarah Crawford, registrar, Nasim is the official screener. Once the student gets beyond the frustration and begins telling Nasim the problem, she knows if the student's concerns can be handled by other staff members or if they need the registrar's attention.

And if she's stumped, she'll admit it. "I'm not one to make it seem I know the answers. I'll pass the student on to someone else rather than make them more frustrated by giving wrong information," she said.

Lindsay said Nasim's "positive attitude, friendly disposition and eagerness to assist students, employees and faculty enhances the Registrar's Office staff. "Nasim is what is known as a 'people person.' We need more like her at GSU. They draw people to them."

When Nasim's two children reached

school-age, she returned to work. She was a secretary at the University of Illinois' Dental School in Chicago, but the long commute from Country Club Hills became a burden and Nasim joined the GSU staff as secretary to Dr. Ed Cehelnik, Science Division chairperson, in November 1986.

In September 1988 she transferred to the Registrar's secretarial position "and it was right in the middle of registration and I panicked and said I wanted out!" she remembers. Sarah Crawford calmed her fears, and things have been getting better ever since.

"At first it's overwhelming," she said. "But once you learn that everyone has a job to do—that there are those who review transcripts and those who are graduation counselors, and others do verifications and systems does records and changes—it gets much easier."

"That's why I say the award goes to all my co-workers in the office. I'm grateful to all those special 'teachers' that have helped me," Nasim said.

Nasim's associate degree in secretarial skills from North Shore Community College in Beverly, Mass. has been put to good use here. As secretary to the registrar she handles all confidential work, all correspondence, appointments, etc.

But Nasim also takes her turn at other duties. She will also do front desk work handling walk-ins who ask every conceivable question, and she works registration. She's been through three now and says registration is getting easier.

Nasim has lost her Massachusetts accent (she came to Chicago in 1969), but she says she still thinks of New England although she doesn't care to relocate.

"I'm happy here. It's comfortable to me and I'm settled."

The Grapevine

Credit union has discount Great America tickets

Take a ride on any of the fun rides at Great America. The Will County Credit Union can help you enter the gate without a hassle and at a discount price. The ticket price at the gate is \$18.50 this year, but if you purchase your ticket through the credit union the price is only \$15, and you save the time of waiting in line!

A special \$9.75 ticket for children is available through June 30. Tickets are available at the credit union office at 2350 W. McDonough St. in Joliet.

GSU prof off on month-long sabbatical in Africa

Dr. Mary Jones, a professor in the Division of Communication Disorders, is off to Africa for a month as part of her sabbatical work. She'll be working in Monrovia, Liberia as a volunteer in a mission school for the month of June. Mary will be helping to train the teachers who work with the 400 children in the school.

During her sabbatical Mary has also been working as a consultant to Head Start programs in Chicago helping to identify children with speech and language disorders and get services for them. She's also helped with staff development and parent training.

Dr. Young Kim returns from teaching in Oklahoma

"Welcome back!" **Dr. Young Kim** has returned from her nine-month leave. She was at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., where she taught, worked with doctoral candidates on their dissertation research and organized students who conducted research for Young's work on "The Psychological and Social Adaptation of the American Indian in Relation to Indian Communities and the Anglo Environment."

Her other studies have been on the assimilation of immigrants, such as the Indo-Chinese refugees and Mexicans, but her work in Oklahoma gave her a chance to expand those studies to include ethnic minorities of which the American Indian has become the oldest group.

She had 32 American-Indian students at U. of O. help her with the study by conducting one-on-one interviews with Indians.

Child Care Center has special summer offering

Parents, don't forget the GSU Child Care Center offers you a summer program for your school-aged children. Between June 5 and Aug. 25 your child can be involved in swimming, miniature golf, field trips, arts and crafts and other activities as part of the "Older Children's Summer Camp Program" open to 6 to 13-year-olds.

For further information contact **Geri Dalton**, Child Care Center director, on extension 2552.

Dr. Peggy Williams finishes publishing assignment

Dr. Peggy Williams has completed an assignment with MacMillan Publishers as one of four senior editors for the new language arts textbook series "Language Arts Today."

A professor in the College of Education, Dr. Williams was recommended for the project by a company employee who was familiar with her work and writings on language arts principles and teacher instruction. She was selected a senior editor after three separate interviews with company representatives.

The series is designed for grades 1 through 8 and includes textbooks and teachers' manuals. The books were presented at the International Reading Association's annual meeting in New Orleans earlier this month.

'Exploring Universe' is topic for courses

"Exploring the Universe," a four-course series of summer workshops on space, the plants and the solar system, will be offered at Governors State University during June and July.

Dr. J. Harvey Hensley, a nationally recognized expert in the study of the universe, will present the weekend lectures. He has taught such workshops for seven years and his students have praised his method which "makes a hard subject seem easy."

Dr. Hensley is professor of physics at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, has a doctorate in science teaching from the University of Iowa, and is a master teacher of physics and astronomy.

The series begins with "Introduction to Archaeoastronomy" from 1 to 9 p.m. on June 9 and 16. The course will introduce students to the concepts related to lunar and solar eclipses, appearance of the night sky at various latitudes, uses of Stonehenge and ancient astronomers.

On June 10 and 17, Dr. Hensley's topic will be "Halley's Comet." Students will study early ideas about comets, origins and behaviors of comets, Halley's Comet in particular. The course runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

In "Black Holes, Quasars and the Universe," from 1 to 9 p.m. on June 23 and July 7, Dr. Hensley will cover the death of stars from white dwarfs and neutron stars to black holes. He also will explain the violent explosions in the central regions of the many galaxies of the universe.

Dr. Hensley will explore the possibilities of "Intelligent Life in the Universe" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 24 and July 8. The discussion will focus on what is meant by "life," does life exist on other planets, and who will be the first to make contact.

Students can enroll in these courses on the GSU campus individually or in a block.

For more information, call the Office of Conferences and Workshops at (312) 534-5000, extension 2320.

Dr. Mary Jones selected as GSU's affirmative action fellow for 1989-90

Dr. Mary E. Jones has been selected as the 1989-90 affirmative action administrative fellow from Governors State University.

Dr. Jones, a faculty member in the Division of Communication Disorders of the College of Health Professions, will do her fellowship at Chicago State University working in the provost's office.

The program, open to women and minority members of the administration, faculty or staff, is designed to give fellows administrative opportunities

during one academic year.

Dr. Jones is the second GSU faculty member to participate in the program. **Dr. Alma Vinyard** of the College of



Dr. Mary E. Jones

Arts and Sciences currently is completing her fellowship, also at Chicago State. Dr. Vinyard was the first GSU staff member selected after the program was initiated in 1988 by the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities (BOG).

The BOG serves Chicago State, Eastern Illinois, Governors State, Northeastern Illinois and Western Illinois universities and the fellows serve at one of the institutions other than their own.

"The fellows gain valuable experience that expands their career opportunities and our pool of candidates for upper-level positions," **Chancellor Thomas Layzell** said of the program.

Dr. Jones of Richton Park has been a member of the GSU faculty for 10 years. She said she applied for the fellowship to expand her administrative experience and to broaden her horizons and

explore the potential for administrative leadership roles.

During the past semester, Dr. Jones has been on a sabbatical working with Head Start programs in Chicago. As a speech-language pathologist, she is helping identify children with speech problems and has obtained for them needed services to correct their problems.

She also has helped establish training programs for Head Start staff and parents so they can identify children's special needs in the future.

Guest aids division with starting nursing sorority

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Dr. Ramer's recommendation will be reviewed by the society's council at its June meeting, and the nomination will be brought before Sigma Theta Tau members at the November convention. The official charter will be presented in Spring 1990.

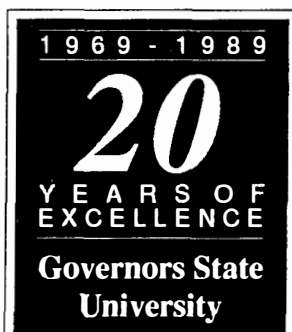
Condolences

To **Dr. Jay Lubinsky**, chairperson of the Division of Communication Disorders in the College of Health Professions, whose mother died May 16.

Staff Directory Changes

Deirdre Burton, a new secretary III transcriber in the College of Education's Division of Psychology and Counseling, may be reached on Ext. 2154 • **Sandy Porter**, a new secretary III transcriber in the College of Arts and Sciences, may be reached at Ext. 2476. • **Lydia Ann Morrow**, librarian and professor and new head of serials in the University Library, may be reached on Ext. 2227. She replaces **Louise Diodato**. • **Enid Lucchesi Gil**, new director of budget planning, may be reached at Ext. 2346. • **Patricia R. Walker**, new clerk III in the University Library, may be reached at Ext. 2333.

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